IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masahiro Katsumura et al.

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Dear Sir:

In complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant submits copies of Japanese patent applications, and the Notification of Reasons for Refusal from the Japanese Patent Office as listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Applicant kindly requests that the Examiner to review these references and enter as a matter of record herein. Applicant further requests that a signed, initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned to Applicant's mailing address.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1175.

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